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REGISTER NOW FOR CHARTER START 101 WORKSHOP

BOISE – The Idaho State Department of Education is hosting a Charter Start 101 workshop for parents, educators and others interested in learning more about what it takes to start a public charter school in Idaho on February 27-28, 2014 in Boise.

Public charters schools are free public schools that are open to all students. A public charter school gives parents the choice of sending their children to a school that uses innovative methods to provide a quality education in a smaller, more responsive learning environment.

Recently, Idaho jumped from 32 to 20 in [national rankings](#) of charter-friendly laws across the country after the Legislature improved Idaho's public charter school law last year. The changes strengthened accountability for charter schools and provided funding for facilities.

Charter Start 101 is a two-day workshop that provides technical assistance for all new charter developers and any individual or group interested in a public school conversion. The workshop is designed to support public charter school developers at all stages – from vision to implementation.

Workshop attendance is a statutory requirement for all charter developers. This free workshop is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the State Department of Education offices in the Barbara Morgan Conference Room, 650 West State Street, 2nd floor, Boise. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. All participants will receive a charter start resource guide.

The deadline to register is **Thursday, February 20, 2014**. No late registrants will be accepted. Space is limited so please register now by completing the registration form and returning to Michelle Clement Taylor, mtaylor@sde.idaho.gov. The registration form is available at http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/charter_schools/.

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